

Scott Kjorlien

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Education

2022–present	University of California, Berkeley Ph.D. Candidate, Agricultural and Resource Economics
2022	The University of Texas at Austin M.A., Economics
2016	Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs M.P.A., Environmental Science and Policy
2013	California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo B.S., Anthropology and Geography

Research

Fields: Agricultural Economics; Environmental Economics; Industrial Organization.

Publication

2024	Stephen Hamilton, Scott Kjorlien , Ethan Ligon, and Aric Shafran. “Spatial Procurement of Farm Products and the Supply of Processed Foods: Application to the Tomato Processing Industry.” <i>Review of Industrial Organization</i> 64, 11–33. doi:10.1007/s11151-023-09939-5 .
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Research in progress. Dissertation research studies what farmers’ choices between price and revenue support programs can reveal about expected crop yields.

- “Evaluating Welfare Effects of Crop Insurance,” with Ethan Ligon.
- “Least-Cost Diets for Healthy Human Gut Microbiomes and Beyond,” with Jules Larke, Danielle Lemay, and Ethan Ligon.

Teaching

University of California, Berkeley — Graduate Student Instructor.

Spring 2025, 2026	EEP 153: Population, Environment, and Development Project-based course with a computer lab component; approximately 40 students.
Fall 2025	EEP 100: Intermediate Microeconomics with Applications to Sustainability Led discussion sections; approximately 60 students.

Academic research appointments

2026	Graduate Student Researcher, Ellen Bruno, UC Berkeley
2023–2025	Graduate Student Researcher, Ethan Ligon, UC Berkeley

Awards, fellowships, and grants

2026	Research grant, Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics, \$15,000
2025	Travel grant, UC Berkeley Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, \$1,000
2024	Research grant, UC Berkeley Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, \$3,000
2022	Merit-based tuition reduction, The University of Texas at Austin, approximately \$36,000

Service

2026	Ph.D. Admissions Committee, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley
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Prior policy experience

2019–2021	California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division. Senior Regulatory Analyst IV and Regulatory Analyst III. Managed the transition to third-party procurement for approximately \$500 million in energy efficiency programs.
2018–2019	California Governor's Office. Independent Consultant. Advised on clean energy finance and conducted market research on early-stage cleantech investment.
2017–2018	New York Green Bank. Associate, Finance and Operations. Built financial and greenhouse gas forecasts and served as interim director of finance during a transition.